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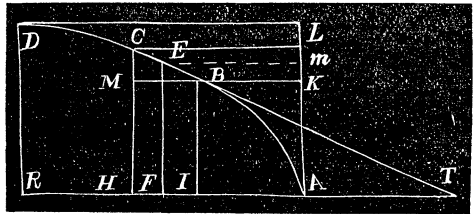
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edge at right angles with CB , and the section produced, AED , is the given parabola, RB being equal to RD . Through A pass a plane parallel to the base CBD cutting the circle AHF . Since PIA and PRB are similar triangles, $IA = \frac{1}{2}RB$.

Suppose the conical surface to be divided into an infinite number of triangles, as Prs which is supposed to terminate at the point D on the curve, with its base parallel to CB . On RB and RD form the square $RBGD$, and on AI and IH , radii at right angles, form the square $IAKH$, and complete the prismoid $HKGDRBIA$. The face $HKDG$ will be an expansion of the plane Prs , and the plane that cuts the parabola must also cut the prismoid from the corner K to the corner D , hence the line that is tangent at the point D of the parabola will pass through K . Prolong the axis RA to meet DK produced in T . Because $AK (= AI)$ by construct'n is parallel to $RD (= RB)$, and because it has been shown that $IA = \frac{1}{2}RB$, $\therefore AK = \frac{1}{2}RD$; $\therefore RA = \frac{1}{2}RT$, or the subtang't is bisected at A . The same relation can be shown for the tang't of any other point of the curve by erecting a cone in like manner on its coordinates, and demonstrating as above. When the ordinate exceeds the abscissa a cone with elliptic base must be used.

Let the parabola $ABCD$ (pr'l axis AR) be divided into an infinite number of parts, BC being one of these parts, and BI and CH ordinates at B and C , resp'y.



From E , the middle point of BC , let fall the perpendic'lr EF , and draw the tangent ET , then is $FT = 2FA$. On DR and RA complete the parallelogram $DRAL$ and draw CL , Em and MBK parallel to RA ; then is $Lm = mK$.

The triangles CMB and EFT are similar, hence $CM : MB :: EF : FT$;

$$\therefore CM \times FT = MB \times EF. \quad (1)$$

The trapezoid $CBHI$ is equal to $MB \times EF$ [by (1)] $= CM \times FT$. (2)

The trapezoid $CBKL$ is equal to $CM \times Em$, or since $Em = FA = \frac{1}{2}FT$,

$$\therefore CBKL = CM \times \frac{1}{2}FT. \quad (3)$$

Hence, from (2) and (3), the trapezoid $CBHI = 2CBKL$. And as the same relation holds for all similar trapezoids drawn in the parallelogram $DRAL$, it follows that the area of the parabola is two thirds of its circumscribed parallelogram.